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SUBJ: ANTI-SAKHAROV CHAMPAIGN TAPERING OFF?

1. DURING SOCIAL CONVERSATION SEPT 6 WITH FEDOSEYEV, DEPUTY CHIEF MFA USA DIVISION, WE ASKED WHETHER HIS OFFICE IS STUDYING IMPACT ON FOREIGN PUBLIC OPINION OF CURRENT PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST SAKHAROV. HE DID NOT RESPOND DIRECTLY, BUT AFTER SOME GENERAL COMMENTS SAID THAT "TOO MUCH IS BEING SAID ABOUT THAT AFFAIR BY EVERYBODY, AND I MEAN EVERYBODY. I THINK IT WILL STOP SOON."

2. DEPTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TASS VISHNEVSKY (WHO IS, WE BELIEVE, ONE OF SIGNERS OF LETTER ON SAKHAROV FROM MEMBERS OF ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES) DURING SAME SOCIAL OCCASION LIKEWISE COMMENTED THAT "THIS GAME" -- THE DISSIDENT SITUATION -- IS FINISHED, AND SPECIFICALLY THAT SAKHAROV/SOLZHENITSYN CASES "SHOULD BE QUIET IN THE FUTURE."

3. OUR SOURCES' PROGNoses SEEMED TO BE BORNE OUT BY PRAVDA SEPT 7, WHICH FOR FIRST TIME SINCE FIRST ANTI-SAKHAROV LETTER APPEARED FAILED TO CARRY SUCH MATERIALS.

4. WHILE IT OBVIOUSLY IS TOO EARLY TO SAY THAT CAMPAIGN IS ENDED, WE WOULD JUDGE THAT THOSE IN MOSCOW WHO HAVE TO WORRY
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ABOUT THE SOVIET IMAGE ABROAD HAVE BECOME ALARMED BY THE

REACTIONS OF THE SPD IN GERMANY, AUSTRIA'S KREISKY AND
SWEDEN'S WICKMAN, NOT TO SPEAK OF THE PROBABLY REACTION BY
U.S. CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLES.
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